

**THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND CULTURE
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**ACTIONS FOR
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2001, AT 9:00 A.M.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM (12TH FLOOR), CITY ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING
202 C STREET, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

(For information, contact Leslie Perkins,
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COUNCIL COMMENT

ACTION: None received

PUBLIC COMMENT

ACTION: None received.

ITEM-1: Report from the City Manager regarding issues related to the ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO'S PROPOSED MASTER PLAN AND PRECISE PLAN AMENDMENT PROJECT.

(NOTE: No specific project recommendation is requested at this time. Staff is seeking preliminary policy direction only on issues related to land use, parking and circulation, and historical resources.)

(See CMR 01-203; Sandra Teasley's September 27, 2001, memo; Balboa Park Master Plan; Final report; Central Mesa Precise Plan; Councilmember Atkins' October 2, 2001, memo; Douglas G. Myers' October 1, 2001, letter; Steve Estrada's September 28, 2001, letter)

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Wear, second by Councilmember Peters to:

- A. Support the concept of pursuing more space for the San Diego Zoo with direction to move forward with this public process.

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- B. Commend the Zoo working group members for their work product.
- C. Recognize Development Services Department as the continued lead management on this project and to stay focused on these plan amendments.
- D. Direct staff to report back in January 2002 to the Natural Resources and Culture (NR&C) Committee with a joint Planning Commission update workshop on the project providing the information and further study as requested by the NR&C Committee.
- E. Submit policy analysis from Councilmember Atkins' memo to the project staff as initial direction.
- F. Offer the following comments and feedback for staff:
 - 1) Initially reconcile parking details with the vision in the Central Mesa Precise Plan and Balboa Park Master Plan.
 - 2) Look comprehensively at the potential of an additional parking structure within the west end of Balboa Park, in addition to the mass transit component.
 - 3) Review space needs and options within the right-of-way for Park Boulevard for mass transit, landscaping, etc.
 - 4) Identify a realistic financing package for the proposed parking structure.
 - 5) Ensure that traffic and circulation analysis is part of the project's Environmental Impact Report.
 - 6) Provide an analysis of a "paid versus free" public parking structure, while acknowledging expressed opposition to both options.
 - 7) Review management of the current Balboa Park and Mission Bay Park funds that were allocated for the Parks, but may have been borrowed and spent elsewhere for other projects.

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- 8) Look at guidelines for how much Balboa Park acreage should be free and open to the public and how much should be leased out for private uses.
- 9) Evaluate the responsibility for paying for the relocation of the carousel and miniature train.
- 10) Look at current historic landmark zone acreage with what is being proposed, with the objective of no net acreage loss.
- 11) Incorporate the Zoo working group's generalized criteria for evaluating plan amendments.
- 12) Review Americans with Disabilities Act issues associated with this project.

VOTE: 5-0; Madaffer-yea, Peters-yea, Wear-yea, Frye-yea, Inzunza-yea

ITEM-2: Report from the City Manager on a pending ENGINEERING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PROJECT: Advertising for Bids for Water Group 501.

(See Frank Belock Jr.'s September 26, 2001, memo)

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Wear, second by Councilmember Frye to approve with direction to include information on "best management practices" utilized on this project.

VOTE: 5-0; Madaffer-yea, Peters-yea, Wear-yea, Frye-yea, Inzunza-yea

ITEM-3: Information report from the City Manager on METROPOLITAN WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT PROJECTS:

- A. Amendment #1 with Hirsh & Co. to televise the sewer collection system in canyons

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- B. Sewer Pipeline Condition Assessment, Phase II
- C. South Metro Downtown Tunnel Rehabilitation
- D. Agreement for use of the Tijuana Emergency Connection

(See Scott Tulloch's September 26, 2001, memo)

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Peters, second by Councilmember Inzunza to approve with direction to the City Manager to share sewer pipe photos with the public through the website, etc.

VOTE: 5-0; Madaffer-yea, Peters-yea, Wear-yea, Frye-yea, Inzunza-yea

ITEM-4: Report from the City Manager on a pending WATER DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PROJECT: Amendment to Stowe-Passco Agreement for Bonita Pipeline.

ACTION: Continued, at the City Manager's request, to October 17, 2001.

VOTE: 5-0; Madaffer-yea, Peters-yea, Wear-yea, Frye-yea, Inzunza-yea

Jim Madaffer
Chair